



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: November 15, 2013
Board Meeting Date: December 10, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: David G. Holland, Assistant County Manager

Subject: Funding Agreement to support the acquisition of the 174-acre San Mateo County Office of Education Loma Mar property

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution supporting a funding agreement with the Peninsula Open Space Trust for the acquisition of the 174-acre Office of Education Loma Mar property.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board recently adopted a resolution supporting the designation of the 174-acre Office of Education Loma Mar property as a Priority Conservation Area by the Association of Bay Area Governments. The PCA Grant Program is a pilot program initiated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). San Mateo County Parks is pursuing \$500,000 in grant funding through this program to support the possible future acquisition of the 174-acre Office of Education Loma Mar property, adjacent to Memorial County Park.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement between Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and the County regarding the future acquisition of the 174-acre SMC Office of Education Loma Mar property sets the conditions for the funding, purchase, and deed conditions for the acquisition and transfer of the property to the County. Priority conservation areas are areas of regional significance that have broad community support and an urgent need for protection. This area will contain important natural resource, watershed, historical, scenic, cultural, recreational, and ecological functions. This property is connected to Memorial Park and will provide added recreational opportunities including trails and dispersed camping.

San Mateo County is working in partnership with POST to acquire the Loma Mar property. POST will purchase the property in support of their Heart of the Redwoods Campaign as a critical area for redwood forest to be preserved for habitat and

recreational purposes. POST will transfer the property to the County to steward for future generations. The SMC Office of Education will use the funds from the sale of the property to support enhancing their outdoor environmental program and facilities in the Jones Gulch area.

Also included in this agreement is the transfer of deed to the Butano Crest East property which is a 160-acre inholding within the Pescadero Creek park area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As per the funding agreement, POST will provide all funding for the purchase of the property. The County will be responsible for cost associated with deed recording and transfer, estimated to be \$10,000.